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COUNTY EXHIBIT

(Continued from last week.)

Sarah C Jackson, witness ticket half fees 1 85; Walter De way Michael witness ticket half fees 8 90; Cleve Coffey witness ticket half fees 1 85; Mrs. A P Bolio witness ticket half fees 1 85; A P Bolio witness ticket half fees 1 85; Bynum white witness ticket half fees .95; J A Winkler witness ticket half fees 2 45; Moses Reague witness for half fees 2 20; G C Walters witness, for half fees 2 10; L D Tester witness, for half fees 2 80

W M Thomas	Day Jury	6 10
J D Council		2 10
R H Shore		2 10
R L Bingham		2 10
A J Wellborn		2 10
G F Critcher		6 10
John Tatum		6 10
L M Farthing		4 10
Bynum Green		4 10
Lee Robbins		4 10
C R Walser		4 10
E G Underdown		4 10
Will Knight		4 10
R M Coffey		4 10
B C Cannon		4 10
D P Coffey		4 10
John Fox		4 10
James Elrod		2 10
G W Triplett		4 10
C G Church		4 10
O G Wineberger gr. jury sp. t'm		9 20
J M Green		9 70
A M Mills		7 30
A C Hodges		8 60
P P Shull		9 70
W M Brown		9 10
J W Hayes		8 90
Lee Lawrence		9 10
A G Watson		9 30
D A Klaus		9 10
C C Bradshaw		3 70
W H Michael		9 70
W E Gragg		3 10
J W Jesta		9 40
W A Proffit		9 00
Ben Hicks		9 60
C P Moore		9 10
W C Moore		9 60
B F Miller		9 10
I L Smith		8 30
Clyde Greene		8 90
W A Tugman		9 10
Walter Hampton		8 70
L T Elrod		8 45
W L Holshouser		9 10
J H Harrell		9 20
B M Byrd		9 50
T J Palmer		3 60
A C Rees		9 60
J W Hanson		9 30
G R Latham	half fees	.75
M D Ernest D S		.15
J H Coffey		.75
G A Greene		.80
J M Hodges		3 90
R F Miller		9 85
Guss Coffey		1 50
N C Greene		5 85
H C Cook		.15
R A Goodwin		.15
Clint Eastridge		.45
C O Triplett		.15
H O Aldridge		1 35
J A Castle		1 05
W M Hodges		2 55
A C Miller		1 40
E F Moretz		.60
J E Young, Sheriff		15 20
O L Coffey, ex. CSC		19 70

Frank Robbins Jr. for sweeping court house 4 00; J H Green J P; half fees Reague case 2 95; Raleigh Osborne witness half fees, 2 85.

June 6, 1921.

Sallie Brown agent for Sarah Kerby 80 00; Z B Brown agent for Millie Walker 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for Maud Holes 18 00; G L Story agent for W E Robbins 8 00; A Harmon agent for Fannie Harmon 18 50; J H Mast agent for N and E Wilson 8 00; T A Fox, agt. for L D Watson 6 00; T L Mast agt. for Nancy Bentley 14 00; N L Mast agent for Elva Church 4 50; W R Gragg agent for Elbert Horton 16 00; John Watson agent for Chas. Sanders 4 50; Jerre Watson agent for John Greer 8 00; J P Thomas agent for Henry Ward 4 50; T A Cox agent for Avery Watson 6 00; W E Snyder agent for Mattie Martin 14 00; L M Hodges agent for Chas. Aldridge 7 50; C B Taylor agent for Emeline

Farthing 6 00; W J Farthing agent for Lou Ward 9 00; Frank Vines agent for Julia Glenn 9 00; Duke Ward agent for Riley Presnell 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for Millard Hodges' children 12 00; J B Miller agent for Comiller Reese 15 00; Joseph Presnell agent for Rebecca Presnell 15 00; W T Vandyke agent for Anderson Danner 4 50; N S Carroll agent for Mary Carlton 4 50; Mrs. J A Woodie agent for Sarah Shull 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for N E Hodges 18 00; E A Dyer agent for J W Dyer 8 00; Eller McNeill agent for Calvin Watson 6 00; Livi Norman county aid 6 00; Addie Fox county aid 6 00; Katie Yarber county aid 18 00; David Hodge county aid 18 00; Hardie Hix county aid 3 00; Carolina and Martha Darne county aid 6 00; Will Yarber agent for L M Hodges 3 00; W W Mast burial expenses for Mrs. Isaac Reese, 34 00; S R Brown keeping county home 174 40; R J Coffey for capturing still 21 00; W S Triplett, clothing for Calvin Greer 13 20; J H Dugger burial expenses for G F Dugger 30 00; Dr. J W Jones county physician and quarantine officer 20 00; Burrows adding machine co. repairing adding machine 15 05; Manufactures record for advertising \$25,000 bond sale 4 30; Edwards & Broughton county supplies 96 55; N C Green keeping jail 37 65; E M Harmon clerk to board county commissioners 39 79; A W Smith juvenile court, etc. 55 75; O L Coffey county supt. public welfare 56 76; G F Bingham state vs. James Mast 1 60; J E Young for vital statistics 76 75; Frank Robbins Jr. for sweeping court house 4 00.

July 4, 1921.

Boone Hardware Co. material for county jail 17 68; Dr. J W Jones county home and jail services 38 50; J M May for listing taxes in North Fork township 15 00; S R Brown keeping county home 168 00; J W Jesta agent for Elitha Rorch 16 67; T M Rominger listing taxes in Shawneehaw township 1750; J W Hodges listing taxes in Elk township 17 50; A B Harmon listing taxes in Laurel Creek township 20 00; W M Thomas listing taxes in Cove Creek township 26 25; C R Green listing taxes in Meat camp township 23 75; Will H McGuir listing taxes in Bald Mountain township 20 00; Jason Moretz Moretz listing taxes in Stony Fork township 26 25; W T Vandyke listing taxes in Blowing Rock township 21 25; J E Church listing taxes in Watauga township, 30 00; Will H McGuire for stationery for county 6 50; J M Swift for burial expenses for Jacob Norris 30 00; O L Coffey public welfare officer 53 05; Edwards and Broughton supplies for county 5 17; N C Green keeping jail 55 80; Watauga Furniture Co. flooring, etc., and casket for Anderson Danner 67 73; A W Smith juvenile court, work and stamps 52 00; J W Horton member of pension board 2 00; Frank Robbins Jr. sweeping court house 4 00.

July 11, 1921.

J E Young Sheriff, court expenses for March term 290 20; Dr. R. H Hardin examining Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Henderson 11 00; Miss Stella McCartney county nurse 876 64; J C Miller services as county commissioner 57 40; James B Bingham listing taxes in Boone township 32 50; G W Robbins services as county commissioner 62 10; W M Hodges member of pension board 2 00.

Aug. 1, 1921.

J E Potter capturing a still 20 00; Dr. D G Bingham for vaccinating against fever 80 20; W T Vandyke for listing taxes, etc. 5 00; J E Jesta keeping Elitha Porch a county pauper 14 25; S R Brown keeping county home 136 00; Dr. H B Perry for vaccinating 61 98; R J Coffey for capturing a still 20 00; Dr. J W Jones quarantine officer 222 31; N C Green keeping county jail 87 20; N L Harrison listing taxes in Blue Ridge township 17 50; Dr. R H Hardin for vaccinating 89 60; B O Green work on tax books 36 25; W J Farthing work on tax books 16 50; J E Young for settling taxes and capturing still 56 25; Frank Robbins Jr. for sweeping the court house 4 00; Coot Haigler for hauling sand for court house 6 00; Bob Glenn for work on the abstract tax books 7 50.

MISSIONARY T. L. BLAYLOCK WRITES FROM CHINA

Tai An Fu, Shantung, China
October 21, 1921.

Dear Friends:
Just a few days ago we returned from a 14 days trip among the towns and villages in a region east of us where here and there we have a few Christians.

We had planned to start on this trip much earlier, but on account of late rains and consequently bad roads, it was the 3rd of October when Brother Farroway, Abernethy and myself got our wheel-barrows loaded up and off for the country. The barrows had a load, (for such roads as we had to go over) of our bedding and supplies, so that we hoped for little riding along the way and we did less than I expected. I rode some on my two-man barrow but the other brethren walked the entire round except a time or two Mr. Abernethy balanced the wheel with me for a short distance. We were in a section far out from the railroad and out of sight of everything that looked like outside or western civilization, but imagine my surprise when two days journey from home, to hear the whistle of an engine at noon. I asked what this meant and the Chinese told me that it was the sound of the noon whistle at some coal mine not far away. This whistle was truly like a voice in the wilderness, and made us feel like after all we were not so far from home. China abounds in coal, and in the region we were traveling in there are several mines, but only this one that I know of is being worked. The pull over who shall have the most profit from it the local officials or the mines keeps the mines in this region from being worked to a great extent.

When I was through here in June the people were extremely busy with wheat harvest; this time they were very busy with bean and peanut harvest. They grow quantities of beans and peanuts. The oil business in this country is a tremendous one which is the product of beans and peanuts. When I first came to China it was a rare thing to see a peanut except the small native ones, now the little peanut is a thing of the past, and the big western ones are almost the chief product of this region. Too, in some places I saw our rank, tall American cotton growing, but on account of the excessive rains this year the bolls of the cotton failed to ripen. But ere long this new cotton will take the place of the old shrubby kind. I saw fine tobacco along the way. More and more they are raising it for home use and for making cigarettes. This land is now being more and more cursed with the cigarette habit. The motto of the American Tobacco Company is a "cigarette in every Chinaman's mouth. And this with English and Chinese companies are sowing the land down with this vile weed

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and making the Chinese a prey to it. Even the so-called refined and cultured women are taking to it. The American Tobacco Co. is said to be clearing over three million dollars annually. In every city and town all over the land these tobacco firms have their bulletins, and the houses along all the streets are placarded with advertisements of this destructive business. There are a number of other products such as Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, coal oil, etc., which come here from abroad.

All of these things she receives gladly, both the good and the bad alike, but how slow, how slow to receive our Christ! She knows to receive the good and reject the evil, but she is too weak to reject the bad and too proud to receive the Eternal God, Christ the Savior. As a graduate of St. John's College, in Shanghai, once said to me: "Give us your produce, your skill, your medicine, but we do not want your Christ." China has already rejected our Christ, the Savior of the world, the son of God, too long for her good, and never were the official and upper classes more fully determined to reject Him than now. His name is hooted at by many of these, and by most all treated indifferently, if not with contempt. But so it has ever been.

"Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." But the poor favor the gospel preached unto them, and here, as elsewhere, God is gathering out his people, and on this trip we had the joy of receiving seven converts and having Brother Abernethy bury them in baptism; and there were others that we had to turn down for the present. At our first stop we spent a couple of days with a little band of converts where we received one man. From there we walked through the hills about eight or ten miles on Saturday to a village of a few families where we have a little place of worship and a larger group of Christians. Here we had a very enjoyable time till Monday morning and baptized three men. While there I called to mind the first baptism in that out-of-the-way hill region, about eight years ago. Then I baptized fourteen and since others have been received from time to time, and some of them first received have fallen away; others have fallen asleep in Christ and still others are faithful. Our host at this place is one of the first to be baptized and it is due to his zeal and earnestness that the work there goes forward. He has built quite a good sized school house, which is also the house of worship at that place. We need more men like this who will shoulder the work of the Lord for themselves.

Monday morning we started out, all afoot, for our next station over ten miles away. A good part of the way our path led over a mountain that not even an empty wheelbarrow could be pushed. So some of the Christians of the town where we were Sunday carried our bedding in the Chinese way, tied to the end of carrying poles, across this mountain and the empty wheelbarrows were carried between two men until we reached road over which they could be pushed by men. While the climb over this mountain made us quite tired, it was worth it, for the view of the mountains, hills and valleys we had from its crest. If these mountains had been covered with forest, as they evidently once were, in this long ago, we could easily have imagined ourselves in the

The future of our town now depends on the discarding of infantile business methods. Our business men know the past and present of our town but never for one instant do they consider that towns at some time grow into cities. But thru a lack of co-operation, in its true sense, (which excludes no business interests) it seems that the larger business houses of our town are at this time offering little assistance in the building of our city to be, and we fear that this little word co-operation is the stumbling block. Many business men of the town when approached on the subject of a bit of advertising throw up their hands in apparent utter despair and say TIMES ARE TOO HARD! with much emphasis on the hard, when to our way of looking they feel that our sheet is not good enough to advertise a low grade of Italian spaghetti. But how can we make improvements without co-operation, how can the town improve without the hearty co-operation of all. So, with interests that go farther than our own front doors let's look to the future; tear up the deck, and stand a new deal, and with the cards of real business in your "lunch hooks" don't be afraid to open the pot for we'll all be winners. The only wild card in the deck is ADVERTISING. J. R.

"Land of the Sky" among our own glorious mountains of Western North Carolina. But at present the contrast is very marked, for in addition to barrenness on these we were in view of many walled peaks, fortresses of refuge, provided for the people to flee to during the Tai Ping Rebellion of about fifty years ago. Just before us, looking to the north-east, there were turrets or pinnacles which looked as if they might have been hewn out by hand. This reminded us of the pinnacle on Pilot mountain, N. C. While the world is all much alike it abounds in beautiful and ever-interesting variety.

It was two o'clock and after before we found an inn or any place to have our lunch, but we had an unusually good dinner for dinner for a country trip that day. It was the 10th day of October and my birth day. Brother Laraway and Brother Abernethy had sent in one of our wheelbarrow men with mail and for the mail, and arranged for him to overtake us by the morning of the 10th. This seemed to have been an understanding that I knew nothing about so that my wife could prepare a cake and chicken for the occasion. So we had a cake, chicken, home-made tomato soup, in addition to our regular Chinese vegetable dinner. We were all well prepared for it, and enjoyed it to the fullest and the brethren said they could wish me a birthday often. Though it was in a trashy inn court and houses not equal to an ordinary barn, we celebrated and enjoyed it, for what we did not have in the way of outward comfort was more than made up by joy of being about our master's business.

It was about night when we arrived at our destination a large market town, where we have another band of believers. Here we spent two nights and a day, preached in the markets, examined some for baptism, but did not receive any.

Our next journey was about 17 miles walk out of this hill section across a hill into another county still among the hills. At this last place the Christians were just about through with putting

AN OBNOXIOUS FREE LABOR LAW ON PUBLIC ROADS.

MR. EDITOR: As I have always been an advocate and claimant of just rights under the political and moral law made by our law makers, but I do reserve the right to complain of "The obnoxious free labor law on public roads in Watauga County."

First, I believe our forefathers who fought and bled on the battle fields for our liberty and just rights were the most gallant of heroes, and I further believe that the great leaders and statesmen such as those who wrote the Constitution of the U. S. wrote this document to stand out as a beacon light for the oppressed people of the world, and especially the citizens of our country.

I want to refer your readers to some sections of the U. S. and State Constitutions which are as follows: Sec. 1, Constitution of the United States says: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Declaration of Rights N. C., Sec. 33. "Slavery and involuntary servitude, otherwise than for crime, whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, shall be and are hereby forever prohibited within the State."

Citizens of Watauga county, you are the jury to decide the case under the above ruling. The constitutional law is as plain as the nose on your face in regard to making a citizen work the road and it being constitutional, as it is unconstitutional without a single doubt, but we have had enacted a law in North Carolina pertaining to public roads in Watauga county that has long been on the Statute books, as long as I can remember, and it is unjust.

We were promised by silver-tongued orators if we would only vote bonds for the keeping up of the roads in Watauga county that free labor on public roads would be abolished, and now I have canvassed the township of Stony Fork and find almost to a man that they are all impressed with the same view that I hold and have signed a petition to have the obnoxious and unjust law repealed as soon as possible by the General Assembly of North Carolina. I am like Abraham Lincoln who said in the days of slavery: "That this nation cannot remain half free and half slave." So I will repeat the words of the above immortal: that Watauga county can never keep her roads up by half taxation and the other half by free labor.

"You can fool some people part of the time, and some all the time but listen: If Blaine Coffey don't abolish free labor in Watauga county for good he could not be elected again in this county for the Justice of the Peace if the voters had a chance at him.

Keep the roads in Watauga up by taxation wholly, and let's not have a convict force of innocent men who are victims of an unjust law out on the statute books of North Carolina by a set of political leaders who had a little wealth at the time, and want the roads kept up the same old way in order to avoid paying their part of the taxes on the account of their wealth. Now is the time to strike, so young progressive men of Watauga get out and get up a petition in every township and forward it to Blaine Coffey at Raleigh. We will succeed if we will try. Let's go!

Yours for the right,
W. A. WATSON.

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